

SUMMER 2019 Alumni Columns

Northwestern State University Magazine





Dr. Chris Maggio
1985, 1991
President
Northwestern State
University

Dear Alumni:

I write this just after the close of another successful semester and two wonderful spring commencement programs. In visiting with graduates and family members, I continue to be reminded of obstacles that many overcame to reach this milestone. Seeing them graduate reinforces the commitment that we make to students...Northwestern State University, Dedicated to One Goal, YOURS.

Our cover photo features a graduate who took 25 hours in her last semester in order to graduate. On Page 2, you can read about a Navy veteran who left NSU during the Vietnam era and was just awarded his associate degree. Members of the Class of 1969 participated in the Golden Jubilee and gathered to share memories of Northwestern State during that eventful year and how things have changed since their student days. You can also read on Page 12 about how one family channeled the pain of their loss into helping the NSU Fishing Team and a special new member.

One of the best parts of my job is meeting students and summer provides many opportunities to do that. Whether through Freshman Connection, one of the numerous summer camps hosted here or Louisiana Boys and Girls State, forming connections and providing positive experiences is key in attracting students and their families to NSU. If you haven't visited campus lately, I hope you will plan to do so soon. We are already preparing for another memorable fall semester.

Thank you to every one of you who continue to distinguish and support Northwestern State University.



Drake Owens
2004, 2005
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Dear Alumni:

As the primary link of communication between you and our alma mater, we at the Alumni Center and the NSU Foundation constantly strive to build upon already established alumni relationships, increase participation and involvement with our younger alumni and provide opportunities for our current students. We look for new ideas to connect with and match the interests of our graduates and friends to encourage lifelong engagement with Northwestern State and we welcome your suggestions.

The last year has been one of positive growth for our university, not only with enrollment, but also with engagement among you, our supporters.

As has been stated before, I cannot thank you enough for what you do for NSU. Your time and your generosity support academic programs, help attract quality faculty and play an important role in enabling many individuals to fulfill their dream of obtaining an education.

Thank you for your loyalty to Northwestern State University.

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Imperial Cities Tour available through NSU Alumni Association next year

The Northwestern State University Alumni Association has partnered with Collette Travel to offer a European tour for Summer 2020. A tour of imperial Cities with the Oberammergau Passion Play will feature stops in Budapest, Vienna and Prague July 29-Aug. 8, 2020.

Highlights and points of interest while visiting Budapest will include Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion, Old Buda and Gellert Hill, Heroes Square and Bratislava, Slovakia. Journeying to Vienna, participants will visit the Schoenbrunn Palace, Cesky Krumlov, the St. Charles Bridge and Hradcany Castle in Prague before traveling to Oberammergau, a picturesque village in the Bavarian Alps.

Performances of the Oberammergau Passion Play date to 1634. When Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague, the citizens vowed that every 10 years they will give a play to honor the last days of Christ.

The tour will end in Munich.

Per person rates for the 11-day tour are \$6,249 for Doubles, \$7,049 for Single. Included in the price is round-trip air fare from Shreveport, air taxes and fees, hotel transfers and 16 meals (nine breakfasts, one lunch and six dinners).

For more information, contact Mae Jaworski at maejaworki@nsula.edu. For booking, call Collette at (800) 581-8942 and refer to booking #934502 or visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/934502>. A portion of all proceeds goes to the NSU Alumni Association.

Passports are required for this tour. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home, so travelers are encouraged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passport and visa requirements.



Nominations open for Hall of Distinguished Educators 2019 class

Northwestern State University's Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development Alumni Advisory Board is seeking nominations for the Hall of Distinguished Educators for 2019.

Nominees must have earned an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degree from an NSU teacher preparation program, have at least 30 years experience and must have made significant contributions to the field of education and/or the larger community at a local, state, national or international level. Nominees can be living or deceased.

Nominations are also open for Distinguished Young Professional in Education, an award that recognizes an outstanding young professional who has made contributions in Pre-K through higher education or to the profession of education through teaching, research or community service.

Nominees must be 40 years old or younger, have at least 10 years of meritorious service to education and gained prominence in some areas of teaching, administrative

achievement, contributions to research, leadership in professional associations, contributions to professional literature and outstanding community service. Nominees should be of high moral character whose contributions have most fully expressed the spirit of service the award represents.

Inductees will be honored during a brunch and induction ceremony at the Teacher Education Center during Homecoming festivities.

The deadline to submit nominations is July 26.

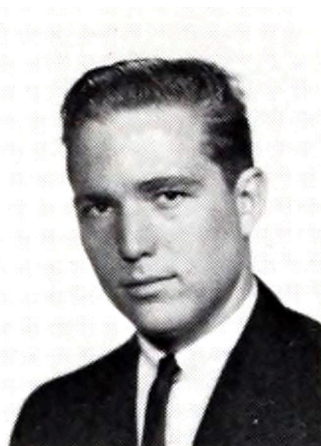
Anyone who would like to nominate an outstanding College of Education alumnus who has had a distinguished career in education should send the nominee's resume and other documentation outlining the reason for the nomination to NSU Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

Nomination forms and additional information are available by calling (318) 357-6278.

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Veteran, 75, receives associate degree, joins grandson at commencement

More than half a century after he left Northwestern State University to serve his country, Robert Monroe "Johnny" Hays of Keithville walked across the stage at Prather Coliseum to receive his associate degree in general studies. Hays and his family shared the special day with his grandson, Colby Cranford, who earned a degree in Hospitality Management and Tourism and marketing during spring commencement May 10.



Robert "Johnny" Hays, pictured in the 1966 Potpourri

Born in 1944, Hays attended Northwestern State College from 1962-66, but left school to serve in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1972. He qualified for an associate degree through Project Win-Win, a national initiative in which a college audit determines if a student or former student has accumulated enough requirements for an associate degree. Hays' daughter, Kristy Hays Koch, submitted the application earlier this year.

Hays, 75, graduated from Minden High School in 1962 and enrolled at Northwestern State as a pre-med major, which he later changed to agriculture. He took mechanical courses and worked his way through college by roughnecking in the oilfield. As his graduation approached during the Vietnam era, Hays began interviewing for jobs and discovered that many interviewers would ask about military service. Hays' brother, who was four years younger, elected to join the Air Force rather than go to college and Hays decided to enlist in the Navy.

Based on high ASFAB scores, Hays was recruited to join the Navy's nuclear power program. He later volunteered for submarine service where he was sent to Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Spain, Malta and other ports in the Mediterranean Sea. As part of the nuclear power program, he was sent to the U.S. Naval Training Center in Bainbridge, Maryland, where he took courses in nuclear physics, calculus, chemistry and other courses related to nuclear power plant operations, which were under the direction of Admiral Hyman Rickover, known as "the father of the nuclear Navy."

Hays' Naval career continued as he completed secondary school in procedures and operations at the Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut. He then served at Pearl Harbor for three years on the USS Flasher, a nuclear fast attack submarine that was deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin.

Hays also attended dive training classes, where he was certified in scuba and hard hat diving.

Hays married Gloria Calder in 1968 and found that sub duty was hard on family life. He has three daughters, Deborah Hays, Donna H. Cranford and Kristy H. Koch. At points in his career, he spent over 100 days without seeing sunshine and two Christmases below 600 feet. After retiring from the Navy, he returned to Louisiana and completed a machinist program and apprenticeship. He worked as a precision tool and die maker, joining the maintenance department at the General Motors Shreveport plant in 1981 where he worked for 28 years. He retired in 2008 but continues to work part-time at a shop in Shreveport repairing sewing machines, quilting machines and sharpening scissors.



Robert "Johnny" Hays and grandson Colby Cranford participated in the same graduation ceremony.

"I've had a good life," he said.

Another grandson, Dawson Cranford, is a current NSU student and is involved with Kappa Alpha and the NSU Fishing Team.



A Salute to a Determined Graduate

Dominitra Charles carried her 2-year-old son Payton across the stage as she was congratulated by NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio during morning commencement May 10. Charles earned a degree in biology while participating in ROTC and later in the day took the oath of commission to serve as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. She credited the support of friends, faculty and staff in the School of Biological and Physical Sciences and the Department of Military Science who encouraged her during the challenges she faced completing her degree. Learn more about Dominitra's story at nsu.la/Charles



Cousins honor mothers at Golden Jubilee

Sylvia Thigpen Zeringue of Vacherie and Rose Mary Berlin Sandefer of Avenger, Texas, first cousins who graduated in 1969 and participated in 50-year Golden Jubilee festivities, brought pictures of their mothers to the class reunion and carried them through the weekend in honor of Mother's Day. Their mothers, sisters Jean McFarland Thigpen and Clarice McFarland Berlin, graduated from Louisiana State Normal, as NSU was then known, in 1934 and 1932, respectively. "They would have been so thrilled to see us walk across that stage," Zeringue said. "We brought them along so they could graduate with us on Mother's Day weekend."

Mustian and Advocate team win Pulitzer Prize for series on jury law



Jim Mustian

Jim Mustian was part of a team at the Advocate in Baton Rouge which was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in April.

The Advocate was honored for reporting on the racial impacts of Louisiana's unique laws allowing juries to convict defendants without a unanimous verdict. The coverage led to the state's voters deciding to amend the state's constitution to require unanimous verdicts in criminal trials.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet," said Mustian, a 2008 graduate in journalism, the day after the awards were announced. "It's incredibly humbling to have played a part in this."

In February 2018, Mustian was sent to Oregon to investigate why the state was the only other one besides Louisiana to allow nonunanimous jury verdicts. He interviewed professors, attorneys, a retired Oregon Supreme Court justice and state citizens to find out why the state made this determination. Mustian said he is a journalist because of an opportunity like this to have an impact.

"It's the reason we do this," he said. "Journalism is about providing information to voters so they can make decisions. This was an easy one when you consider all the facts and history on the law."

Mustian joined the Associated Press in New York last September covering federal law enforcement in New York City. He was a staff writer at the Advocate for more than six years and was also a reporter at the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, The Odessa American, the Daily Iberian in New Iberia and L'Observateur, a weekly paper in LaPlace.

Author, alumna Denise Lewis Patrick honored as LPB Louisiana Legend

Denise Lewis Patrick was honored as one of the 2019 Louisiana Public Broadcasting Louisiana Legends during a gala on May 9. Patrick, a 1977 graduate of Northwestern State University, is an author, editor and teacher and a 2014 inductee into the Long Purple Line, NSU's Alumni Hall of Distinction.

The Louisiana Legends Awards Gala and Auction is an annual event hosted by Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting and by Gov. and First Lady John Bel Edwards serving as honorary co-chairs. The event honors the best and brightest of Louisiana's sons and daughters who have distinguished themselves in a variety of disciplines and have brought honor to the state.

Begun in 1990 and now in its 29th year, the Louisiana Legends Gala is a fundraising and public awareness project that draws support and participation from Friends across the state who appreciate the many fine instructional, educational and cultural programs LPB provides.

LPB's Louisiana Legends series highlights outstanding Louisianans who have distinguished themselves in a variety of disciplines including writing, art, entertainment, politics, public

service and athletics. Featuring insightful biographical videos and in-depth interviews with host Beth Courtney, these shows provide intimate glimpses into the lives of the state's most influential, visionary and successful citizens.

Patrick is a Natchitoches native who earned a degree in journalism at NSU in 1977 and a master's in creative writing from the University of New Orleans. A long-time resident of the New York City area, she is a freelance writer, editor, instructor and literary consultant who has authored books of poetry, short stories, picture and board books for children, non-fiction biographies, middle grade novels and a young adult novel.

Patrick has written narratives for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center exhibition, published a review in the New York Times and has written sections for Fodor's Travel Guides to New York City. She has also worked as an editor for Scholastic,



NSU Alumni Kevin Lewis, Edwina Lewis and Denise Lewis Patrick are pictured at the gala in which Patrick was honored as a Louisiana Legend.

Inc., as well as several other publishing companies and teaches intermediate writing at Nyack College.

After penning two stories for the American Girl Doll series, Patrick was lauded by the African American Academy of Arts and Letters for Children's Book of the Year, was a runner-up for the Lamplighter Award by the National Christian School Association and had two books listed as Best Books for the Teenager by the New York Public Library. She has served on the advisory board for the Books for Kids Foundation, as a mentor for an afterschool writing club, as a writer's coach and as an elementary school reading volunteer.

Spotlights



Alice Fanning

Alice Fanning has been named one of Arkansas Center for Nursing, Inc.'s 40 Nurse Leaders Under 40 for 2019. This recognition is intended to identify, celebrate and encourage exemplary dedication and leadership in the nursing profession. Alice was selected through a highly competitive nomination process which focuses on commitment to excellence, service and

outreach within the community, leadership qualities, and contributions to the advancement of the nursing profession.

This is the fifth year the Arkansas Center for Nursing, Inc. has awarded this prestigious award and celebrated the recipients through a recognition ceremony. The 2019 recognition ceremony was held April 30 at the Benton Event Center in Benton, Arkansas.

Alice's nursing career began in May 2002 upon graduation from Southern Arkansas University's Associate of Science in Nursing program and successfully passing the NCLEX. Since then, she has obtained the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (December 2008), Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner (May 2011), and Doctor of Nursing Practice (August 2016) degrees from Northwestern State University. Her nursing clinical experience includes areas of medical surgical, leadership, acute rehabilitation, hospice, geriatric and psychiatric units.

Alice is currently employed in Southern Arkansas University's Department of Nursing in Magnolia, Arkansas, where she is program director and assistant professor of nursing. To maintain up-to-date nursing knowledge and clinical experience, she works as a family nurse practitioner for Butler Abshire Medical Clinic (Haynesville) and Regional Hospice (Minden).

Alice lives in Haynesville with husband, Alan Fanning, and their children, Hayden and Molly Fanning. She is the daughter of the late Paul and Ann Brazzel.

Warren Landry (1963) of Morgan City was selected for induction into the Central Catholic High School Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

Landry was involved in supporting Catholic education for many years. He served on the school board of the former Sacred Heart Elementary and was chairman of the CCHS fair committee. He served two terms as president of the CCHS school board and also served as chairman of the school auction.

The Kaplan native is a graduate of Northwestern State University and is former owner and executive vice president of Paul's Agency. He was a member and past president of the local Kiwanis Club, past president of the Morgan City Rotary Club and a Paul Harris fellow.



Katrina Lloyd

Katrina Lloyd made history this past spring when she became the second African American woman to be promoted to the rank of colonel by the Louisiana National Guard.

She is also the first woman and the first African-American to hold these three positions: battalion commander of the Louisiana Medical Detachment, full-time state surgeon-Army for the Louisiana National

Guard and Louisiana Medical Detachment administrative officer, and is the first soldier to hold all three of the those positions simultaneously.

Lloyd was honored by Alexandria Mayor Jeff Hall when he declared April 12 as Col. Katrina E. Lloyd Day in Alexandria in honor of the achievements.

Lloyd earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Grambling State University and a master of science in nursing, family nurse practitioner from Northwestern State.

Frank Jabbia (1994) was named one of St. Tammany Parish's Principals of the Year. Jabbia has been principal of Northshore High in Slidell since 2013. He started the Fantastic Friday program, where he and other administrators call parents to discuss their children's good deeds and improvement. He has a bachelor's degree from Northwestern State and a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Jabbia was a state principal of the year semifinalist in 2017.

School of Creative and Performing Arts will honor 2019 Hall of Fame inductees

The Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. D. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts is welcoming five new members to the CAPA Hall of Fame for 2019.

This year's honorees are Burt Allen, Robert Alost, Joel Ebarb, James Ford, Richard Jennings, Shirley Jennings and Rivers Murphy. The latest group of inductees are being honored at various Creative and Performing Arts events throughout the year.



Burt Allen

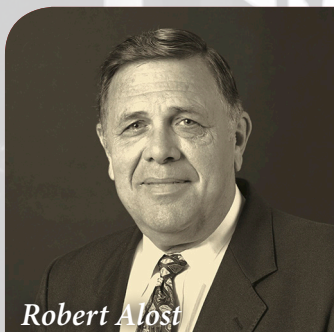
Allen, who was hired in 1983, was director of choral activities at NSU for 32 years. He is responsible for laying the foundation for the outstanding choral program at NSU.

Allen was the first NSU faculty member to appear in Carnegie Hall, and the NSU Chamber Choir under his

direction is the only NSU ensemble to appear there in a solo performance.

Allen was the first to lead an NSU musical ensemble on a European tour. He was the first CAPA faculty member to successfully author an externally funded grant, followed by several others, totaling more than \$350,000 which created the first music computer labs, purchased a number of Yamaha Disklavier pianos and funded a class piano lab and multimedia capabilities for several classrooms. He initiated the local tradition of performing the Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols in Natchitoches.

He retired from Northwestern State in 2015 and continues to be active in the choral music field. Allen serves as the artistic director for the Red River Chorale in Alexandria.



Robert Alost

Alost was Northwestern State's president from 1986 to 1996. Over that 10-year period, he led the university to an unprecedented period of growth, laying the foundation for future progress in all areas. Enrollment at Northwestern State increased from 5,272 to more than 9,000 while he was president. Alost was the

president at the initial organization of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts. He was also instrumental in establishing the budget in the area of scholarships which

has been so important to the development of CAPA programs.

Before becoming president, he served NSU as a faculty member, department head and dean. Alost was co-founder of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts and director of the school from 1982 to 1986.

He was inducted into the Northwestern Alumni Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 2005. Alost was named a Natchitoches Treasure in 2018.



Joel Ebarb

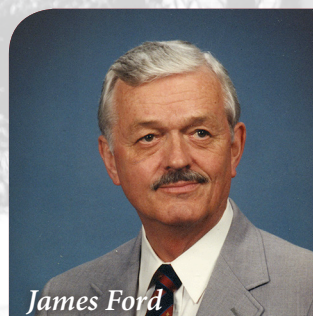
Ebarb is professor of theatre in the Patti and Rusty Rueff School of Design, Art, and Performance at Purdue University. He serves as senior associate dean for undergraduate education and international programs in the College of Liberal Arts. Previously, he served as chair of the Department

of Theatre from 2011-2015, and Director of Undergraduate Theatre Studies from 2009-2011. Ebarb began his career at Purdue in 1997.

His teaching, research, and creative endeavor are focused primarily in costume design for the entertainment industry. Ebarb has costume design credits throughout the United States and internationally. He is an accomplished puppeteer, occasional director and playwright and novice performer.

Ebarb is a popular speaker and presents a series of lectures and workshops using theatre techniques to improve skills in teaching and interpersonal communication. He is an award-winning educator and was a 2011 recipient of the Charles B. Murphy Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, Purdue University's highest undergraduate teaching honor.

Ebarb is an alumnus of NSU's Eta Omicron chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.



James Ford

Ford was a local businessman and community leader who was gifted with a beautiful operatic voice and who tirelessly gave to the community. A 1955 graduate of Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Music, he then married Jo Ann Breed-



love of Natchitoches. After serving in the U.S. Army as a Korean Conflict helicopter pilot, he returned to Natchitoches where he was in the residential and commercial construction and development business for 33 years.

Ford had leading roles in numerous NSU productions and was a bass soloist with the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and NSU Chorus. Ford also performed at Pops Concerts, several benefit concerts with opera star Eugenie Chopin Watson and at numerous weddings, funerals and special events, often with tenor Jim Bob Key.

From 1959 to 1971, Ford was music director at First United Methodist Church and also served on the Board of Stewards. He was active in local civic clubs served on the City Bank & Trust Co. Board of Directors. Ford served on the Natchitoches Industries and Chamber of Commerce Boards, Cane River Development, Inc. president and Associated General Contractors for Central Louisiana president.

Ford was president of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society for 1971-72. A November 2000 concert in his honor was presented by the NSU Symphony Orchestra and Choirs, performing Faure's "Requiem."



Richard Jennings

Richard Jennings joined Northwestern State's faculty in 1971, teaching horn, serving as a band director and teaching music education courses. He served as a piano accompanist for his horn studio and recruited for the entire music department. In the early 1980s, he became music department head,

and was instrumental in the building of the Fine Arts Annex. Richard Jennings met with architects daily and lobbied for many changes to the building plan that have proved to be essential to the success of the facility. He was responsible for the addition of the 40-rank Reuter organ for Magale Recital Hall. He convinced the architects to install doors big enough to fit a piano through each of the rehearsal halls, and, imagining the years of moving pianos and marimbas, he also convinced them to pave over the stairs and instead build a ramp to access backstage Magale Recital Hall.

Another proud accomplishment was serving on hiring committees that brought in a round of distinguished and successful music professors that grew the department into what it is today.

Richard Jennings was president of the Louisiana Bandmasters Association in 1966-67 and was elected LBA Bandmaster of the Year in 1967. He was inducted into the Louisiana Music Educators' Association Hall of Fame in 1992. He served on the Board of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Society throughout the 1980's and 1990's and beyond.

After his retirement from NSU in 1994, he taught class-piano and piano lessons to non-majors for several years.



Shirley Jennings

Shirley Jennings taught harp, violin, and piano for the music department at Northwestern State University from 1971 to 2015, and also served in the Registrar's Office for many years. She taught adjunct harp, violin and viola at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts. She also maintained a large and

vibrant music studio out of her home where she taught hundreds of students to play harp and violin. As a performer, Shirley Jennings was engaged by the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra, the Natchitoches/Northwestern Symphony Orchestra, the South Arkansas Symphony and many other regional orchestras.

She was a member of the Louisiana chapter of the National Music Teachers Association, serving as state harp chair from 1995 to 2007, and receiving their Distinguished Service Award in 2011. Shirley Jennings was a member of the American Harp Society, the American String Teachers Association and the American String Orchestra Association. She was the director of the NSU Harp Ensemble for many years, featured annually at the NSU Christmas Gala. She was the Faculty Sponsor for the NSU chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. She passed away May 2, 2018.



Rivers Murphy

Murphy joined Northwestern State's faculty in 1966 and retired in 2004. He has worked in a number of media including sculpture, stained glass, printmaking, design, drawing, crafts and glassblowing. Many of Murphy's works have appeared in exhibitions or are in private collections throughout the United States and Canada.

Murphy was a member of a state task force on arts education in the state public schools and another task force which developed a test instrument for the evaluation of art-talented public school students.

He was the sculptor of a creation to honor playwright Bobby Harling, the author of the play and screenwriter of the film "Steel Magnolias," and the artist and designer of a special commemorative coin to honor country music singer Roy Acuff on the 50th anniversary of his first appearance on the Grand Ole Opry.

Murphy was the recipient of the Louisiana Art Education Association's 1990 Outstanding Supervision/Administration Art Educator of the Year Award.

Borders collection unveiling includes honors, accolades, heartfelt tributes

NSU's Department of Fine and Graphic Art and the NSU Academic Success Center hosted the opening of a student art exhibition April 24 that celebrated several people, events and projects in one gathering.

with congratulating our students on their terrific exhibition and thanking the Academic Success Center for its outstanding promotion and encouragement of this project, we were able to reveal the first recipient of the Lisa



The exhibition titled "Sensitivity and Sensibility" ran in a new gallery space in the Academic Success Center, located on the first floor of Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library. The exhibit showcased drawings, portraits, 3D pieces and sculptures created by students in Drawing I, Design II and Advanced Sculpture classes taught by Art Professor James Borders, who orchestrated a touching tribute to his late wife that will also be housed in the library. Subjects and mediums in the exhibition reflect the diversity of individual artists in the department and the materials they use.

In addition to introducing new gallery spaces, the event provided a forum to recognize several outstanding students and announce upcoming projects and events related to the induction of sculptor and long-time faculty member Rivers Murphy into NSU's Creative and Performing Arts Hall of Fame.

"Sensitivity and Sensibility" is the first in what will be a series of student shows that will rotate two three times each semester," said Leslie Gruesbeck, professor of art and gallery coordinator. "Along

Chesser Borders Endowed Scholarship. We also unveiled the Lisa Chesser Borders Permanent Student Art Collection, a collection that will hang in the Academic Success Center, and we began our celebration of Rivers Murphy and a special project that will pay tribute to his work this September."

Dozens of friends of the Chesser, Borders and Murphy families attended the celebration, along with students, alumni, community supporters and colleagues of the honorees.

Maxey McSwain of Shreveport, an English and art education major, was named the first recipient of the Lisa Chesser Borders Endowed Meraki Scholarship. In presenting the award, Borders explained the concept of "meraki" in which one puts "soul, creativity and part of themselves into their work."

"This exemplifies Lisa," Borders said of his late wife who lost her battle with cancer last November at age 49. Lisa Borders served Natchitoches Parish as a legal assistant and judicial

being named the first scholarship recipient and said that at NSU she has been pushed harder than ever to do her best work.

Another component of the celebration was the unveiling of the Lisa Chesser Borders Permanent Student Art Collection in the Academic Success Center. Student work that is on display will be for sale to donors for \$300 for each piece. Upon purchase, \$250 will go to the student artist while \$50 will support the Lisa Chesser Borders Endowment. Acknowledgment of each donor will be placed along with the piece in the permanent collection. Several pieces on exhibit had already been purchased.

In addition to honoring his wife, Borders also recognized Murphy, who taught at NSU from 1966-2004, as a mentor to him and many other artists. Murphy is a 2019 inductee into NSU's Creative and Performing Arts Hall of Fame and events to honor him this September will include the opening of a sculpture collection by students and alumni in the Alumni Plaza that will be ever-changing. Maquettes by alumni influenced by Murphy are included in Academic Success Center display and will be enlarged 10 times their current size. Several of Murphy's former students were present for the announcement.

"I've been very blessed in so many ways. I worked my entire career at Northwestern with really talented and



Sculptor Rivers Murphy, who was an art professor at Northwestern State University for 38 years, will be honored this year as an inductee into the School of Creative and Performing Arts Hall of Fame. He is pictured with several former students, including NSU Art Professor James Borders, who recognized Murphy as a mentor during the opening of a new gallery space. Work by Murphy and alumni will be unveiled in September in the Alumni Plaza.

From left are Barry Galloway, Gabe Richmond, Murphy, Jody Johnson, Rhett Fitzgerald, Al Poston and Borders. Not shown is Preston Gilchrist.

administrator to Judge Desiree Dyess, who described her friend's legacy as one of strength, optimism, kindness and faith.

McSwain expressed gratitude at

good people, seven presidents and exceptional students," Murphy said, crediting the support of his family at the most important thing in life.

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Coushatta family donates cotton scale, seeder to Creole Heritage Center

A Coushatta family donated an early 20th-century cotton scale and seeder to the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern State University.

The scale weighed cotton at B.O. Jones & Sons, a general store on Ringgold Street in Coushatta that operated from 1919 until the 1980s. Using poises and hooks, this device, which is taller than eight feet, could weigh up to 700-pound cotton bales, according to NSU Professor of Anthropology Dr. Pete Gregory.

"A scale like this would have been used in the 1920s and 1930s, although this same type of scale has been around forever," said Gregory, who is the academic advisor for the center. "An average cotton bale would have been around 500 pounds."

"This scale is in great shape. We usually don't get a full piece of equipment like this, it's usually broken down into pieces."

A hand-held cotton seeder accompanies the scale in the exhibit on the first floor of Kyser Hall. A plow is attached to the seeder, making furrows in the field in which a gear mechanism would drop seeds.

Cotton was king in the Red River and Mississippi River areas until the 1960s.

"Cotton was dominant in the local economy until corn and soybeans took over," Gregory said. The artifacts were donated by the family of Glen Jones, who took over the store from his father B.O. and mother Louella Jones and operated the enterprise until he retired in the 1980s.



Mary Almond, daughter of Glen and granddaughter of B.O. Jones, said the store served as an economic and social hub of Coushatta.

"You could buy everything from farm necessities to groceries, shoes and clothing," said Almond, who contacted NSU about housing the equipment. "The store would deliver groceries to you as well."

"It was open six days a week, but Saturday was the busiest day. For most folks, it was the only time they came to town, and they pulled up chairs in the back and visited with each other before getting their supplies."

The Louisiana Creole Heritage Center is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and on Friday until noon. For more information, go to creole.nsula.edu.

LEH honors Gregory for Lifetime Contributions



Miranda Restovic, president and executive director of Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, presented Dr. Hiram "Pete" Gregory with the 2019 Lifetime Contribution to the Humanities Award during the April 4 LEH Bright Lights Awards Dinner. Gregory, an anthropologist, archaeologist and professor, is in his 58th year on NSU's faculty and has taught thousands of students while serving as academic advisor of the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center and curator of NSU's Williamson Museum.

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Gruesbeck said creating the new gallery space to showcase the student work in the new Academic Success Center began just a few weeks ago in collaboration with the Center's personnel, art faculty and NSU's Carpentry Shop.

"CAPA is a big part of NSU and what a great way to showcase our students' success by displaying their work in the Academic Success Center," said Bob

Jordan, director. "Feedback has all been great. At the opening, Dr. Maggio talked about the 'Three Cs - Contact, Collaboration and Celebration.' That is exactly what occurred with the ASC's art display."

Borders closed the celebration by encouraging his students to push themselves to do their best work and follow the example of his late wife.

"If you do the work people will show

up," Borders said. "Creativity does not dwell in comfort. It's my job and my duty to make you uncomfortable. Don't be average. Lisa defined who she was every day when she went to work. She was the greatest human being I ever met in my life. I'm very proud of these students. You build tradition with effort and work, not with talk. If you want to leave a legacy, live a life worth living."



Friends of the late Dr. Jack Pace gathered for the naming of the Dr. Jack Pace Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory in Room 217 of Bienvenu Hall, where Dr. Pace taught thousands of students over the years. From left are Dr. Francene Lemoine, director of the School of Biological and Physical Sciences; NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio, Bonnie Pace, Camden Pace and Wes Pace.

Bienvenu Hall anatomy lab named for Dr. Jack Pace

Northwestern State University's School of Biological and Physical Sciences named Room 217 in Bienvenu Hall for Dr. Jack Pace who taught many classes there during his long tenure at NSU.

Dr. Pace's widow Bonnie Pace thanked the friends and family who gathered to recognize the Dr. Jack Pace Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory May 6 and talked about his impact on campus and in the community. Friends contributed to the Jack W. Pace Memorial Endowed Scholarship to the extent that its inaugural recipient was recognized. She is Sarah Sargent of Lake Charles, a biology major with a concentration in natural science.

"He was a true servant to the university," said Dr. Francene Lemoine, director of the School. "He taught thousands – probably tens of thousands – of students and many of us were touched by the impact that he had."

Pace was a member of the Northwestern State faculty for 41 years where he taught animal science and preparatory classes for the nursing curriculum, served as head of the Department of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and was advisor to the Rodeo Team and NSU Vet Tech committee. Through many years of teaching at NSU, he touched the lives and inspired hundreds of his students. He passed away Aug. 3, 2018.

Dickens earns Dunaway Medal for contributions to health education

The Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) awarded Dr. Bill Dickens the Southern District Donna L. Dunaway Medal.

The Medal is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member by the SHAPE Southern District and recognizes individuals who have made significant and sustained contributions and given meritorious service to the Southern District over a significant period of time.

The medal was presented at the SHAPE National Convention in Tampa, Florida, April 11. Prior to Dickens, there have been only seven recipients of the award.

To qualify for the Donna L. Dunaway Medal, individuals must be a noteworthy leader and a significant contributor to the work of Southern District; have exemplified long term and meritorious service to Southern District for a minimum period of 15 years and be a person of high moral character whose contributions have emulated the spirit of service, dedication and the highest work ethic that the Dunaway Medal represents.

Candidates are at least 45 years of age, must have been a member of Southern District for a minimum period of 15

years prior to being nominated for the award and reside in the Southern District at the time of the award.

Dickens has been an educator, scholar, researcher and coach for 52 years. He retired from Northwestern State University's Department of Health and Human Performance as Professor Emeritus in 2016 following years of service to the department, to NSU, to Southern District of SHAPE America, to the Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (LAHPERD), which he served as executive director, and to the profession at large.

Dickens was on faculty at NSU for 28 years during which time he twice served as department head, as well as on



Dr. Bill Dickens

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Portrait Project honors individuals important to university's history

Northwestern State University's Student Government Association unveiled the first three of what will be a series of portraits that honor individuals who made significant contributions to the university.

"The purpose of the portrait program is two-fold," said SGA President Jacob Ellis. "The first is to ensure that buildings and prominent spaces which are named after individuals feature a portrait of that person. The other is to highlight the contributions of women and individuals of color who have contributed to the rich heritage of Northwestern State University."

Portraits of Joe Delaney, Scharlie Russell and Jimmy Long will be installed in the Student Union, Russell Hall and the Student Services Center.

"Another goal of the program is to highlight the talents of our students and alumni," Ellis said. "We wish to only include pieces that have a connection to the university by commissioning paintings and other art works that are created by those who are or who have attended NSU."

Artist Chris Brown, a former Chicago Cubs minor league pitcher and Northwestern State Demon who is also the artist for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, painted the portrait of Joe Delaney. Artist Osvaldo Ferrer Miranda, who created the paintings of Russell and Long, is a graduate student in the School of Creative and Performing Arts who was previously commissioned to paint the official portrait of former

NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb that hangs in the Wellness, Recreation and Activities Center.

Delaney was a two-time All-American athlete for the NSU Demons as well as a track and field star. He played two seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs and was chosen as AFC Rookie of the Year in 1981. Delaney died June 29, 1983, while attempting to rescue three children from drowning in a pond in Monroe. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal from U.S. President Ronald Reagan and was inducted into NSU's alumni hall of distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 2017.

Russell was the head librarian at Louisiana State Normal School and late Normal College, as NSU was then known, from 1910-1940. Russell Hall, formerly the school's library and now home to the College of Business and Technology, was named in her honor after Louisiana Governor Richard Leche was sentenced to prison and his name stripped from the building. Russell Hall remains as one of only two buildings on the NSU campus to be named after a woman.

A member of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors from 2001-16, Long served eight consecutive terms in the House of Representatives from 1968 to 2000. Colleagues in the House and Senate adopted a resolution during his last term honoring Long as "Dean of the Legislature." A recognized authority on education policy, he



Artist Osvaldo Ferrer Miranda
with portraits of Scharlie Russell and Jimmy Long



Joe Delaney teammate Jack Brittain Jr.
and portrait artist Chris Brown

chaired the House Education Committee and was instrumental in the creation of the Louisiana Scholars' College at NSU as well as the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. Long died in a traffic accident on Aug. 9, 2016.

"We are tremendously grateful to our artists for sharing their talent with us and agreeing to be part of this project," Ellis said. "We plan to continue the SGA Portrait Project and try to tell the full story of our beloved university through the narrative of the people who have helped shape it into the institution it is today."

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numerous administrative committees.

Dickens earned numerous honors from the Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (APHERD) during his career for his advancement of professions related to health and human performance.

Dickens has been involved in numerous youth, athletic, civic and service organizations. Among his many

other noteworthy services, he was the manager of the American Red Cross Disaster Shelter set up in NSU's Health and Human Performance Building that housed more than 1,200 evacuees for several weeks following Hurricane Katrina.

Dickens' colleagues laud him as an encourager, a scholar and a teacher passionate about the field of physical

education.

Following his retirement, Dickens has remained involved at NSU as an adjunct instructor, teaching classes that prepare students in Health and Human Performance for their next step as they pursue careers as teachers, physical therapists, wellness specialists, coaches and other health specialties.



Poche family supports NSU Fishing Team, scholarship for incoming freshman

Wes Rollo thought he was going to the NSU president's home to attend a program for incoming freshmen leaders. It turned out, he and his parents, Sonya and Jeff Rollo of Natchitoches, were surprised to find members of the Dylan Kyle Poche family and the NSU Foundation prepared to award him a two-year scholarship for participation on the NSU Fishing Team.

Wes, who graduated from Natchitoches Central High School in May, will be awarded \$10,000 for his freshman and sophomore years at NSU. The Poche family presented another \$10,000 to the NSU Fishing Team to underwrite travel expenses, supplies and team jerseys. Proceeds were generated through the fourth annual Dylan Kyle Poche Memorial Fishing Tournament that took place on Toledo Bend Lake March 23 with 213 boats participating.

Dylan Poche was a member of NSU's Fishing Team when he lost his life in January 2016. Later that year, his parents, Burt and Shelley Poche and Misty Ott, established the fishing tournament and scholarship to honor his memory and support the NSU Fishing Team.

"I'm thankful and honored to give Wes this scholarship," Burt Poche said. "Dylan would be proud."

Sonya Rollo thanked the Poche family for blessing others through their pain.

"We are thankful for the legacy of Dylan and that he lives on through this scholarship," she said. "We knew Dylan. Fishing is a kinship and we are thankful that you chose us."

Fishing is more than a sport to Wes. Wes was diagnosed with AVN leukemia in September 2013, the start of his seventh grade year. He had been a baseball player and pitcher, but the disease ended his athletic career. His 31-month treatment was effective, but brutal on his body and fishing became his outlet.



Members of the NSU Fishing Team welcomed incoming freshman Wes Rollo of Natchitoches during an announcement naming Rollo a two-year recipient of the Dylan Kyle Poche Fishing Scholarship. From left are Rollo, Kyle McAllen, Tyler Pate, Maguire Parker, Gage Ulrich, Jackson McGee, Dawson Cranford and team sponsor Juddy Hamous.

"Fishing is big in his life in so many ways. While he was in bed, he watched fishing videos and learned about mating patterns and how to fish in different conditions," she said. "He was secluded and it was a lonely time, but he used that to his advantage. When he was alone, he studied and fished."

For Wes, fishing was both emotional and physical therapy. Having to balance himself in a boat helped the bones and joints that had been affected by treatment and he improved with physical activity. When Wes was able to return to school at the end of his ninth grade year, he joined the NCHS fishing team and last year was able to go to the Bassmaster Nationals.

Earlier this year, the Louisiana High School Athletic Association approved bass fishing as a winter sport on a one-year trial basis, an indication of growing interest in the sport. The NSU Fishing Team is open to all full-time students who maintain a 2.0 or better grade point average.

To learn more about the NSU Fishing Team, visit beademon.com/fishing.

Three vocalists earn Guillory Scholarships for Vocal Excellence



Three voice students at Northwestern State University have been selected as the 2019-20 recipients of the Guillory Scholarship for Vocal Excellence. The scholarship was instated through the NSU Foundation by Megan Guillory, a former voice student at NSU.

The recipients are, from left, Amanda Charles, a graduate student from Houston; Emily Adams of Raceland, a sophomore music major with a performance concentration, and Michelle Moline of Bossier City, a senior music major with a performance concentration, pictured with Guillory, who participates in auditions for recipients. Students must be voice majors with at least a 2.5 grade point average.

Friends of James C. White establish award for families of first responders

Personnel with the city of Natchitoches Fire Department and friends of the late James C. White created a scholarship for a firefighter, first responder or immediate family member of a firefighter or first responder attending Northwestern State University. The one-year scholarship is open to any major from Natchitoches Parish.

The award honors an individual whose family and work with the Natchitoches Fire Department and as an Emergency Medical Technician were most important to him, friends said.

"James was first and foremost a family man," said Jon McCart, a fellow firefighter and close friend of White's. "He was very devoted to his wife of ten years, Liz. Together, they had two children, Zachary and Jordan. His boys were his world. He taught them about God, fishing and baseball, in that order, and took great pleasure in spending time with them while pursuing those interests. Family meant everything to him."



Personnel from the City of Natchitoches, the city Fire Department, City Police, State Police, EMT services and Northwestern State University gathered to honor the late James C. White and the White family by establishing a scholarship in his memory.

White grew up in Cloutierville and graduated from St. Mary's in 1991. He attended Southern Arkansas and Nicholls State University. He began working for the Natchitoches Fire Department in 1996 and was promoted to captain in 2005. He was also an EMT for the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Ambulance Service.

White was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor on June 17, 2006,

and had to take a leave of absence from both jobs.

White passed away June 20, 2007. Friends are invited to support to the scholarship by sending contributions to NSU Foundation, 535 University Parkway, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497 with memo indicating James C. White Scholarship. Information is also available at northwesternalumni.com.

Thornton family creates memorial scholarships honoring Squyres, Robertson



David and Jennifer Thornton honored the memory of two young men by establishing scholarships in their memory at Northwestern State University. The couple created the Boaz Barber Squyres Memorial Scholarship to benefit an upper level accounting major and the Joe Robertson Memorial Scholarship to benefit a law enforcement officer, first responder or immediate family member of a law enforcement officer or first responder. They were joined by family members, friends and recipients for the scholarship announcements. From left are Keith Thompson, Jonathan Roberts, Richard and Tammy Robertson, Jennifer and David Thornton with daughters Tenley and Taelyn Thornton, NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio, Thomas Celles and Mary and Merlin Squyres.

Doug Ireland, tireless promoter of NSU Athletics, 'shifting gears'



Doug Ireland

The end of an era in Northwestern State athletics happened quietly and among the Demon family – just as Doug Ireland wanted it.

Ireland, who served his alma mater as its sports information director for 30-plus years, stood in front of the majority of the NSU athletic department staff in April to announce his retirement, effective this summer.

A 1986 broadcast journalism graduate from Northwestern State, Ireland returned to his alma mater in January 1989 and began a three-decade career promoting NSU's 14 intercollegiate teams.

Armed with nearly a decade's worth of experience in newspapers and as an assistant sports information director at UL Lafayette, Ireland quickly put his stamp on NSU athletics. His 1992 football media guide earned "Best in the Nation" honors in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) ranks from the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America.

That was one of numerous awards Ireland took home as the spokesperson for Northwestern State athletics.

In addition to the 15 Louisiana Sports Writers Association awards he won during his tenure at the Alexandria Town Talk, Ireland's name quickly became a fixture in the LSWA's sports information contest.

Since 2000, he earned 33 LSWA awards, including the 2017 LSWA Story of the Year. The majority of those honors came from telling the stories of Northwestern State athletes, coaches and support staff members.

Throughout his three decades of service to Northwestern State, Ireland promoted countless athletes for all-

conference, All-Louisiana and All-American honors. In 1993, Ireland's efforts helped senior offensive lineman Marcus Spears earn inclusion on the Football Writers Association of America All-America Team, which made Spears a semifinalist for the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's top collegiate lineman.

In March, Ireland helped promote senior forward Ishmael Lane for Southland Conference Men's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year, bookending a year that saw him also promote three-time All-American wide receiver Jazz Ferguson, who also earned Southland Conference and All-Louisiana Offensive Player of the Year acclaim.

Ireland's tenure saw him honored by more than just professional media organizations.

In 2008, the Northwest Louisiana's McNaughton Chapter of the National Football Federation named him the recipient of its "Distinguished American" award. Four years later, he was named the Town Talk's CENLA Sportsman of the Year.

In 2016, the Southland Conference tabbed him as the winner of the Louis Bonnette Sports Media Award, named for the former McNeese sports information director. Bonnette's son, Matthew, the current McNeese SID, is one of a large number of former Ireland assistant and associate sports information directors who have ascended to positions atop sports information offices across the country.

While serving at Northwestern State, Ireland held a dual role as chairman of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, housed in Natchitoches. His volunteer efforts helped lead to the development and construction of the \$23 million Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum, which opened to international architectural acclaim in June 2013.

He will remain in the same position with the Hall of Fame.

"This is the right time for me to shift gears," Ireland said. "Technically, this is a retirement, but it's really a realignment into whatever opportunity is within my reach. But for now, I realize how blessed I've been to have taken this journey and have been surrounded by so many incredible people every step of the way."

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Former Demon hoops star Mike Byars putting on a different kind of show

Mike Byars was a showstopper when he was starring as a two-time All-Southland Conference shooting guard for the Northwestern State basketball team, highlighted by helping the Demons to their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 2001. May 1 in his hometown of Fort Worth, he put together quite a show.

Byars hosted a red carpet style premiere of his documentary film titled “5700 Ramey Ave: The Story of Robert Hughes” at the Fort Worth Modern Art Museum. Among those in the audience was NSU assistant Dave Simmons, who was on the Demons staff when Byars ignited fans in Prather Coliseum, and Byars’ Demon teammate Chris Lynch.

5700 Ramey Ave. is the address of Dunbar High School, where Byars and hundreds of other young men played under the guidance of 2017 Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Robert Hughes.

The iconic coach, who turned 91 in May, won 1,333 games and lost only 247, first from 1958-73 at all-black I.M. Terrell High School, then at Dunbar from 1973-2005. He is the nation’s all-

time winningest prep boys basketball coach, leading his teams to five Texas state titles and 35 district crowns.

Byars played for Hughes at Dunbar from 1994-97, then signed with the Miami Hurricanes and played two seasons there before transferring closer to home. After helping Mike McConathy’s Demons to their historic 2000-01 season and leading NSU in scoring the following year, he played professionally in places including Central America and Iran.

“Coach was more than just coach here. He was everybody’s hero. Some people viewed him as a dad or an uncle or a grandfather. He meant something to everyone here in east Fort Worth. He is somebody who should be cherished.”

Byars’ dream came to fruition from scratch, helped with connections and insight gleaned from a global basketball career and roots in Southern California, where he was born and now resides, and where his mother grew up in south central Los Angeles.

“I only had my optimism. I didn’t even have a camera,” he said from the set of a Fort Worth TV station, the



Coach Dave Simmons, Mike Byars and former teammate Chris Lynch

final stages of an impressive local and national media blitz. “It’s a low budget film, but I believe it’s done at a high level. I learned a lot about the business from the technical side to the business side. Once I got moving, I reached out and all the legends of Dunbar High School showed up for me. Everybody put their trust and love and support in my direction.”

VICTORY TOUR 2019

Northwestern State football coach Brad Laird, many of his staff and other Demon coaches and athletic staff will preview upcoming seasons and greet supporters during the upcoming 2019 NSU Victory Tour, which features nine early evening stops from New Orleans to Dallas, reaching out across the region to Demon fans.

Victory Tour stops are festive and family-friendly. There is no admission charge for the events, with complimentary appetizers and soda, tea and water provided for guests.

"Victory Tour is everything I love about NSU Athletics: it's a mobile pep rally celebrating our athletics program and especially the Demon football team, our fans, our history and our future," said Mike Jacklich, assistant athletics director for ticketing and special events. "The tour is a great way for fans who otherwise may not have the time to come to Natchitoches to rub elbows with our coaching staff, voice their opinions and hopes, and have a cold drink on a hot summer day...all while celebrating Northwestern State!"

All Victory Tour stops are reception-style events that will last approximately two hours, including a brief program mid-way featuring Laird and other NSU coaches in attendance. Door prizes will be awarded at each stop, with schedule cards and other promotional materials available.

July 15 – New Orleans – Rock 'N' Bowl

July 16 – Baton Rouge – Superior Grill

July 17 – Lake Charles – Crying Eagle Brewery

July 18 – Houston – Home of Lanny Lawrence

July 22 – Many – MidSouth Bank

July 23 – Lafayette – Ruffino's

July 24 – Alexandria – The Levee Bar/Holiday Inn Downtown

July 25 – Shreveport – Superior's Steakhouse

July 26 – Dallas – Home of Reggie Gatewood

For more information on any Victory Tour stop or for details about season tickets, contact Jacklich via e-mail at jacklichm@nsula.edu or by calling him at (318) 357-4268. Complete football season ticket information is also available at the NSUDemons.com website.



July 4th – Fireworks Over Cane River - 9:00 p.m.

July-November – The Plantation Photographs of Robert Tebbs Exhibit – Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum (Tuesday-Saturday)

August 30th-31st – Cane River Zydeco Festival and Motorcycle Poker Run – Rue Beauport Riverfront

September 20th-21st – Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival – Rue Beauport Riverfront – www.meatpiefestival.com

October 4th-5th – Natchitoches Car Show – Front Street & Rue Beauport Riverfront – www.natchitochescarshow.com

October 11th-12th - 65th Annual Fall Tour of Homes – Natchitoches Historic District, 310 Jefferson Street

October 11th – Annual Scarecrows on the Cane Front Street

October 12th – November 16th – Natchitoches Fall Farmers Market – Rue Beauport Riverfront 8:00 a.m. – noon

October 12th – 2nd Annual Tapped Tober Craft Beer and Wine Festival - Rue Beauport Riverfront

October 31st – Witch Way to Main Street Trick or Treating Event - Downtown Natchitoches

For more information on events, visit www.natchitochesla.gov or www.natchitoches.com

ENVELOPE



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Guess Who



Summer Dinner Theatre of 1999 went from divine to daffy with productions of “110 in the Shade” based on the film “The Rainmaker” and “Little Shop of Horrors.” Pictured are two students preparing Audrey II for opening night. Can you name them? Email the correct answers to jacksonl@nsula.edu with the year you graduated and city of residence.

From the previous edition, photographers featured in the 1969 Potpourri were, seated, Norman Brown, Lester Fife and Tim Baker. Standing were John Hoag, Ronnie McBride.

Those who guessed correctly are as follows.

Virginia Sapp (1971), Waskom, Texas
John and Beverly Porche (1969), Richmond, Texas – Beverly writes that Tim Baker was the photographer at her and John’s wedding on May 31, 1969.

Paul Robertson (1973), Tioga
 William “Billy” Myers (1969), Opelousas

Dr. Ron McBride (1973), Natchitoches – He writes “It will come as no surprise that I can identify the

“Guess Who” picture in the Columns, Spring 2016 edition. Back then I went by “Ronnie” which I quickly abandoned after college. FYI: these photographers did all images for the News Bureau, Current Sauce, Potpourri and Sports Information under the direction of Lamar Bates who was head photographer on staff. We also ‘filmed’ for athletics including football, basketball and special sporting events. So virtually all images released by NSU were shot by one of us and/or Lamar. Things were very different back then with the ‘wet process.’ We had to meet deadlines which meant many long nights in the lab.

Doug Sullivan (1969), Varnell Georgia
Donald Mayeaux (1969, 1973), Fort Worth, TX
Brant Bordelon (1971), Coushatta
John Haag (1972) Conroe, Texas



1945, 1972 – Catherine Nelken
 Bienvenu Henry,
 Oct. 9, 2018, Tyler, Texas

1949 – Annie Elizabeth Eznack Reed,
 April 2, 2019, Natchitoches

1962 – DeWitt Booty,
 April 22, 2019, Natchitoches

1963 – Frank Ira Burton,
 March 24, 2019, Shreveport

1963 – Dr. Otis Cox,
 Nov. 4, 2018, Bossier City

1963 – Melba Bradford Little,
 April 18, 2019, Winnfield

1964 – Col. Billy Lee St. Andre,
 May 2, 2019, Natchitoches

1965 – Edith Rebecca Koonce
 Ramsey,
 March 17, 2019, Zachary

1966 – Susan Thompson Taylor,
 March 24, 2019, Natchitoches

1969 – Dr. David William Law,
 April 30, 2019, Springhill

1970 – Dr. Dana Carpenter,
 April 12, 2019, Baron Rouge

1975 – Hapi Phillips,
 April 9, 2019, West Monroe

1977 – Kimberly Hall Oas,
 April 19, 2019, Dallas

1998 – Dawn Amison Whittington,
 Feb. 12, 2019, Shreveport

Andrew Wiley Warren Sr.,
 March 25, 2019, Calvin

Looking Back

The 1989 Potpourri featured the university’s new sports information director.

Bidding goodbye to Northwestern, the often-controversial Tom Wancho left his post as as SID to become the first Director of Public Awareness and Communications for Special Olympics in Austin, Texas. Wancho’s bizarre media guide themes generated plenty of attention, mostly negative, and were even featured in Sports Illustrated, but were widely criticized as being sexist and inappropriate.

As the new SID, Ireland had a good feeling about the future. “Northwestern is a place where there is a great nucleus of people and the athletic department is headed to promising days.”



Class of 1969 celebrates Golden Jubilee



The Class of 1969 celebrated their Golden Jubilee by accepting their second diplomas during Spring Commencement May 10. On the front row from left are Susan Oxner Cloutier, Barbara Tauzin Wheeler, Sandra L. Vickers, Patricia Schwartz, Kathleen Aguiard Hamilton, Dora Combest, Jeannie Jordan, Charlotte Pennington, Sharon Smith, Tank Edwards and Cynthia Kittler. On the second row are Janis Lowe, Martha Minvielle, Cindy Chester, Pam Brown, John Rambin, Maureen Lewis, Georgie Gracie, Cretta Johnson, Wayne McCullen and Mary Jane Wright. On the third row are Sylvia Thigpen Zeringue, Rose Mary Berlin Sandefer, Jonette Savage, Doris Robinson, Kathleen Bauer, Sylvia Crump Slack, JoAnn Lewis Pugh, Janelle McDaniel and Joseph McDaniel. On the fourth row are Beverly Porche, John Porche, Renee Mayher, Virginia Cardot, Berry Cohen, Terry Alario, David Aymond, Billy Myers and Kim Gardiner. On the fifth row are Wayne Walker, Bob McLamore, Bryan Norwood, Margie Carleton, Walter Allbritton, Donald Mayeaux, Carl Henry and Ronald Mayeaux. On the back row are Gary White, Martial Broussard, Louis Duet, Ralph Stapleton, Malcolm Kirsop, Bill Shackelford, Joseph Schelette, Avery Beard and Foy Melder.